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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 3, 4, and 6, without prejudice or disclaimer, and cancel claims 1 and 2, without disclaimer. A complete listing of the claims of this application follows.

Claims 1 and 2 (Cancelled).

Claim 3 (Amended): The material of claim 1, A vibration absorbing material, comprising:

a first elastomeric layer of vibration absorbing material which is substantially free of voids therein;  
a second elastomeric layer which includes an aramid material therein and that is disposed on the first elastomeric layer, wherein the aramid material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, wherein the aramid material forms an imperforate sheet disposed within the second elastomeric layer;  
and

a third elastomeric layer disposed on the second elastomeric layer.

Claim 4 (Amended): The material of claim 1, A vibration absorbing material, comprising:

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a first elastomeric layer of vibration absorbing material which is substantially free of voids therein;  
a second elastomeric layer which includes an aramid material therein and that is disposed on the first elastomeric layer, wherein the amramid material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, wherein the aramid material forms a plurality of individual strips that are substantially parallel to each other; and  
a third elastomeric layer disposed on the second elastomeric layer.

Claim 5 (Original): The material of claim 4, wherein the plurality of individual strips are generally equally sized.

Claim 6 (Amended): ~~The material of claim 1, A vibration absorbing material, comprising:~~

a first elastomeric layer of vibration absorbing material which is substantially free of voids therein;  
a second elastomeric layer which includes an aramid material therein and that is disposed on the first elastomeric layer, wherein the amramid material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, wherein the aramid

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material forms a plurality of individual strips of different sizes that are substantially parallel to each other; and

a third elastomeric layer disposed on the second elastomeric layer.

Claim 7 (Original): A vibration absorbing material, comprising:  
a first layer adapted to absorb vibration and being formed of an elastomer substantially free of voids therein;  
a second layer which includes an aramid material therein and that is disposed on the first layer, the aramid material comprising a plurality of individual strips of aramid of different sizes, wherein the amramid material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, the second layer being substantially free of voids therein;  
a third layer formed by a vibration absorbing elastomer material disposed on the second layer, the third layer being substantially free of voids.

Claim 8 (Original): A vibration absorbing material, comprising:  
a first elastomer layer adapted to absorb vibration and being substantially free of voids therein;  
a second elastomer layer which includes an aramid material therein and that

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is disposed on the first layer, the aramid material comprising a plurality of individual strips of aramid of generally equal sizes, wherein the amramid material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, the second elastomer layer being substantially free of voids therein, the plurality of individual aramid strips being generally parallel to each other; and  
a third elastomer layer that is substantially free of voids.